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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO ABIDJAN DAKAR FROM BAMAKO
28 JUN 73 RPT TO YOU QUOTE

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SUBJ: DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FOR MALI: TRUCKS

ABIDJAN FOR REDSO/WA; DAKAR FOR ADO AND DAO

1. DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, AGREE
TO PURCHASE TRUCKS FOR MALI WITH DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDS. APPEARS
TO US THAT AMBASSADOR TRAORE HAD RUG PULLED FROM UNDER HIM BY
MIN DEF AFTER GOM CONCLUDED DEAL WITH FRENCH FOR 30 BERLIET
TRUCKS. SOUNDS LIKE TRAORE NOW LOOKING FOR EASY WAY TO PLACATE
DODGE AND BRING BACON HOME TO MALI AT SAME TIME. MINISTER
DOUKARA'S CANCELLATION OF TRUCK ORDER WAS FIRM AND QUITE
CATEGORICAL. BELIEVE HE WOULD HAVE PRESSED US FOR ALTERNATE
FINANCING SCHEME (OTHER THAN FMS) IF AUGMENTING TRUCK FLEET
WERE URGENT GOM PRIORITY. UNLESS AND UNTIL THIS CASE IS LAID
BEFORE US BY AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES HERE WITH APPROPRIATE
JUSTIFICATION BELIEVE WE SHOULD HUSBAND FUNDS FOR OTHER
PROJECTS.

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